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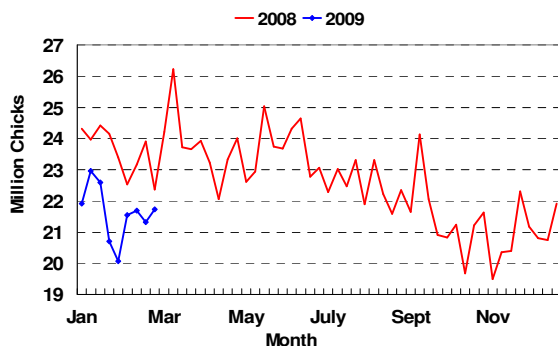
Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.7 million during the week ending February 28, 2009. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 2 percent from the previous week.

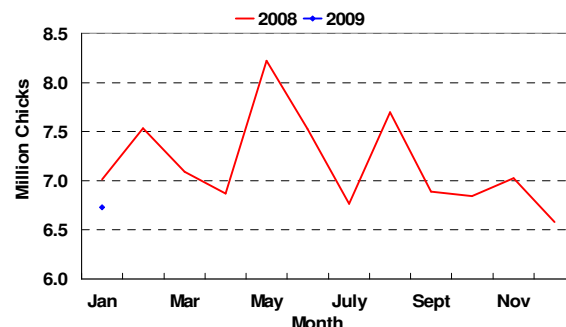
Arkansas hatcheries set 24.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 28, 2009, down 13 percent from the same period last year and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.73 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2009, down 4 percent from January 2008.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed For Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 31, 2009 - February 28, 2009

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Week Ending | | | | | Week Ending | | | | |
| | 31-Jan | 7-Feb | 14-Feb | 21-Feb | 28-Feb | 31-Jan | 7-Feb | 14-Feb | 21-Feb | 28-Feb |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | | | | | <i>Thousand</i> | | | | |
| Alabama | 28,765 * | 29,023 | 29,489 | 29,086 | 29,296 | 19,404 | 19,762 | 20,291 | 20,348 | 20,080 |
| Arkansas | 24,416 | 24,710 | 24,737 | 24,980 | 24,817 | 20,068 | 21,546 | 21,696 | 21,320 * | 21,719 |
| Delaware | 3,417 | 3,480 | 3,304 | 3,466 * | 3,703 | 4,547 | 4,580 | 3,975 | 4,656 * | 4,655 |
| Florida | 1,016 | 1,027 | 1,021 | 1,020 | 1,008 | 898 | 778 | 852 | 741 | 741 |
| Georgia | 32,317 | 32,527 | 32,711 | 32,818 | 33,109 | 28,258 | 27,161 | 28,180 * | 26,910 | 26,341 |
| Kentucky | 6,605 | 7,355 * | 7,885 | 7,167 | 7,795 | 4,497 | 6,032 | 6,523 | 4,478 | 5,842 |
| Louisiana | 3,454 | 3,470 | 3,470 | 3,470 | 3,470 | 3,622 | 3,224 | 3,031 | 3,655 | 3,331 |
| Maryland | 8,484 | 8,095 | 8,779 | 8,866 | 9,047 | 6,199 | 6,159 | 5,083 | 5,217 * | 5,307 |
| Mississippi | 17,190 | 17,475 | 17,692 | 17,891 | 17,894 | 16,271 | 16,300 | 15,631 | 15,655 | 16,135 |
| N. Carolina | 18,468 | 18,607 * | 18,353 | 18,863 | 18,762 | 15,559 | 15,082 | 15,292 | 15,507 * | 15,509 |
| Oklahoma | 6,749 | 6,814 * | 6,850 | 6,834 * | 6,772 | 4,393 | 4,453 | 4,549 | 4,529 * | 4,783 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,939 | 3,810 | 3,565 * | 4,135 | 3,956 | 3,032 | 3,054 | 3,093 * | 3,082 | 3,077 |
| S. Carolina | 5,792 | 5,719 | 5,589 | 5,789 | 5,628 | 4,604 | 5,650 | 4,765 | 4,543 | 5,664 |
| Texas | 14,745 | 15,443 | 15,526 | 15,530 | 15,595 | 13,167 | 13,033 | 13,197 | 12,638 | 13,192 |
| Virginia | 5,385 | 5,535 | 5,749 | 5,943 | 5,939 | 4,656 | 4,631 | 5,289 | 4,512 | 4,303 |
| CA,MO,TN & WV | 17,665 | 18,843 | 18,517 | 19,292 * | 19,610 | 17,514 | 16,538 | 15,415 | 15,497 * | 16,170 |
| 19 State Total | 198,407 * | 201,933 * | 203,237 * | 205,150 * | 206,401 | 166,689 | 167,983 | 166,862 * | 163,288 * | 166,849 |
| Prev. Year Total | 218,880 | 217,271 | 218,479 | 219,311 | 219,830 | 176,060 | 176,413 | 177,543 | 178,240 | 177,627 |
| % of Prev. Year | 91 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 92 | 94 |

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 28, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 28, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through February 28, 2009 were 1.50 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.